

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 681
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to commend LaShundra Denise Richmond for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, LaShundra Denise Richmond is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for the House Health and Human Resources Committee and Chairman Joe Armstrong, Vice Chair Mary Pruitt and Secretary David Shepard; LaShundra's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Hillcrest High School in Memphis, LaShundra is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Richmond and the late Reverend Franklin J. Richmond and the sister of Phillip Richmond and Christopher McKay; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented young lady, during her high school career Ms. Richmond was Captain and MVP of the softball team, MVP of the golf team, Co-Captain of the pom-pom squad, and Captain of the HHS Flag Corps, as well as a published poet, writer for *Memphis Teen Appeal* student newspaper, and a top ten graduate of her class; and

WHEREAS, posting one of the top ACT scores in Memphis, LaShundra earned the Presidential Scholarship Award to Tennessee State University and the FJR Memorial Scholarship Award; and

WHEREAS, a student at Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, LaShundra has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and Education and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Political Science

Club, the Student Tennessee Education Association, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, Inc., and the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Richmond received the George W. Gore Award and the STEA Leadership Award in addition to being named to the Dean's List at TSU for four years; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, LaShundra Richmond brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of both the George Oliver Benton and Senator Carl O. Koella Memorial Scholarships, during her internship LaShundra was a committee member for the 2005 Legislative Intern Service Project that raised \$500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of Magnolia First Baptist Church, LaShundra serves on the usher board and is a member of the youth adult choir and the youth ministry, a vacation bible school leader and the recipient of the MFBC scholarship; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she was appointed to the Legislative Advisory Council, is a member of Bridge Builders, participates in the Project AWARE mentoring program and is a volunteer for Families for Incarcerated Individuals, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Ms. Richmond has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, LaShundra has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend LaShundra Denise Richmond for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Health and Human Resources Committee and Representatives Joe Armstrong, Mary Pruitt and David Shepard, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

